

13. (Twice Amended) A polishing pad used for polishing a semiconductor wafer while supplying a polishing agent onto the polishing pad in a finish polishing process, wherein the polishing pad does not include zinc oxide (ZnO).



20. (Three Times Amended) A polishing pad used for polishing a semiconductor wafer while supplying a polishing agent onto the polishing pad in a mirror polishing process, wherein it comprises a base layer formed of nonwoven fabric and a porous surface layer, and a content of zinc oxide (ZnO) included in the porous surface layer is 100ppm or less at the ratio of zinc weight relative to the weight of the porous surface layer.



27. (Three Times Amended) A method for polishing a semiconductor wafer, comprising performing polishing of the semiconductor wafer with the polishing pad of Claim 11 while supplying a polishing agent onto the polishing pad.

- 28. (Three Times Amended) A method for polishing a semiconductor wafer, comprising performing polishing of the semiconductor wafer with the polishing pad of Claim 12 while supplying a polishing agent onto the polishing pad.
- 29. (Three Times Amended) A method for polishing a semiconductor wafer, comprising performing polishing of the semiconductor wafer with the polishing pad of Claim 13 while supplying a polishing agent onto the polishing pad.



30. (Twice Amended) A method for polishing a semiconductor wafer, comprising performing polishing of the semiconductor wafer with the polishing pad of Claim 20 while supplying a polishing agent onto the polishing pad.



31. (Three Times Amended) A method for polishing a semiconductor wafer, wherein a finish polishing is performed while supplying a polishing agent onto a polishing pad and while a concentration of zinc oxide (ZnO) is kept to 200ppm or less in a position where the semiconductor wafer is in contact with the polishing pad.